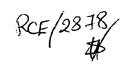
1. Please consider the following as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:





REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/777,867
Filing Date*	February 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Achim PHILIPP et al
Group Art Unit	2878 / Confirmation No.: 4065
Examiner Name	Thanh X. LUU
Attorney Docket No.	PHIL3005/EK/JJC

_This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: * Filing date must be on or after June 8, 1995; but if before May 29, 2000, then consider a CPA.

1		a. The Amendment/Reply filed on (date):										
1		b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):										
		c. The Brief/Reply Brief filed on (date):										
		d. The page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):										
	Ø	e. Other: An Amendment After Final Rejection is attached hereto.										
	2.	A month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.										
Ø	3.	The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.										
⋈	4.	4. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is submitted herewith.										
	5.	5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703)										
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